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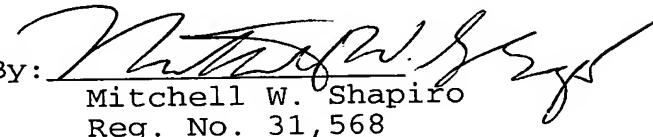
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Documents AA and AE-AJ on the attached List were cited in the International Search Report (copy attached).

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Document AK is considered to be relevant to the invention of the present application, judging from English abstract and all the figures.

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